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TO : Executive for Inspection and Security

DATE: 19 May 1948

FROM : Acting Deputy for Security

SUBJECT: Adjudication of Loyalty Cases of Applicants for Positions
Excepted from the Competitive Service

1. Reference Civil Service Commission Memorandum No. 5 dated 15 April 1948 circulated to all executive departments and agencies concerning adjudication of loyalty cases of applicants for positions excepted from the competitive service.

2. On the basis of necessity of protecting intelligence sources and information this Agency has, by agreement with the Civil Service Commission, been exempted from the majority of requirements of the Federal Loyalty Program.

3. Subject memorandum raises a question of procedure which is probably applicable to most other agencies in view of their general employment of personnel prior to completion of a full investigation, whereas this Agency requires completion of investigation before clearance for employment. I do not feel that the substance of Memorandum No. 5 could be applied to this Agency and accordingly we should register with the Civil Service Commission our exception to this procedure. The peculiar responsibilities of this Agency require many considerations for security clearance other than those of loyalty nature whereas this memorandum is concerned with, to all intents and purposes, loyalty cases alone. In general, pre-investigations of applicants indicating a possible application of the Loyalty Program would reveal sufficient information to warrant refusal of employment by this Agency without the necessity of completing a full field loyalty investigation. Our standards are sufficiently high to eliminate those applicants who, by virtue of activities, would be considered as falling within the jurisdiction of the Loyalty Program.

4. Accordingly, it is requested that this problem be given consideration and if you concur in our reasoning a letter will be drafted for signature by the Director exempting this Agency from the provisions of Memorandum No. 5.

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